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<p><b>RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111</b></p> <p>Address to: Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p>	Attorney Docket No.	UOMB-001DIV
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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated January 24, 2007. Applicant has included with this amendment a petition to extend time for response, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(1), for one month to May 24, 2007. Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees associated with entry of this amendment and the accompanying petition, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number UOMB-001DIV.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.